

AGENDA OVERVIEW

2-Day Introduction Course: Holistic Management Whole Ranch Planning

The 2-Day Introduction to Holistic Management Whole Ranch Planning course focuses on key whole ranch planning concepts and principles to help producers manage their ranch for the triple bottom line (social, environmental, and financial sustainability) and more effectively manage their human, financial, and natural resources. They will learn how to improve their ability to observe, understand, and make decisions, based on what they can control. Through these new skills they improve their ability to work with nature and to increase the productivity of their ranch.

Outcomes:

Participants will be able to:

- Use key testing principles for managing and making sustainable decisions
- Use their knowledge of ecosystem process health to better manage ranch production systems for the triple bottom line: economic, environmental & social benefits
- Clarify ranch goals and utilize new ways to manage them
- Analyze tools to increase ranch productivity

Topics

- Eight principles and practices for effective resource management
- Developing a management inventory
- Creating a whole ranch goal for effective decision-making, planning, and management
- Four ecosystem processes and how to work with them (understand Ecological Site potential)
- Grazing strategies and tools to create desired outcome on the land, including wildlife considerations
- Prioritizing actions with seven testing questions
- Overview of tools influence on ecosystem processes



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March 30 & 31st, 2016

9 AM – 3:30 PM (*each day*)

Classroom (AM): Robert Livermore Community Center

Cresta Blanca Room, 4444 East Ave., Livermore

Field Location (PM): TBA

Wednesday, March 30

- 9:00 AM **Introduction**
- 9:30 AM **Course Overview** – holistic management principles and practices
- 10:30 AM **Decision Case** – group work resolving a rancher dilemma
- 12:00 PM *Break – lunch provided – travel to field site (TBA)*
- 1:00 PM **Understanding the Four Ecosystem Processes/Soil Health** – appreciating our life line and getting out on the land
- 2:30 PM **Management Inventory** – defining management as a whole
- 3:00 PM **Holistic Goal/Context** – creating a description of order for the whole ranch to flourish (economically, ecologically, and socially)

Thursday, March 31

- 9:00 AM **Check in and review** – resolving questions and moving forward
- 9:30 AM **Decision Testing** – approaching a real situation within a holistic context (a step-by-step method) to test the decisions
- 11:00 AM **Tools: Using Testing Questions to Determine Appropriate Use**
- 12:00 PM *Break – lunch provided – travel to field site (TBA)*
- 1:00 PM **Tools Effect on Ecosystem Processes** – what is the right tool, for the right reason, at the right time
- 2:00 PM **Grazing Strategies** – exploring different ways to use grazing tools and animal impact in order to reach goals within a holistic context
- 3:30 PM **Wrap Up/Evaluations/Q&A**

